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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Dear friends,

It's hard to keep up with all of the activity going on in the ministry! Our last few months have been packed, and it's been difficult to keep our weeks straight. From unexpected filming trips with colleagues, to taping some amazing episodes of Creation in the 21st Century in Dallas, we're busier than ever before. My speaking and traveling schedule won't let up until November of this year, and large portions of next year are already booked!

I have to attribute this huge boom directly to God's blessings. Yes, we are working harder than ever before, but the doors that are opening are clearly supernatural.

By the time you get this, I should be returning from Pittsburg, at the International Conference on Creation. Then we will be headed to Wyoming for a conference. After that, I travel to Michigan and Indiana, and fit in many more activities between those travels.

We've been a lot more active on our Facebook page over the last year, posting articles, on-location pictures, and so much more, and we're seeing an explosion of interest. I'm delighted to say that, already, we have more than 50,000 friends who keep up with us on

our "David Rives Ministries" Facebook page!

Our Wonders of Creation Center in Tennessee has several new exhibits (I'm sharing a couple of preliminary photos here) that we think visitors will enjoy.

One exhibit is a Deinonychus Raptor, famous for being in the family of Raptors featured in popular movies (you know the ones I'm talking about). We have flood sediments washing in, in layers as well as an example of how the footprints of theropod dinosaurs might have been preserved. As we were nearing completion of the exhibit, I invited a guest (who had a very small dog on his arm) to see the progress. As I was describing what we know about these Raptors, the dog was intently looking at the model. After a moment of staring, the smallest rolling growl started to escape the mouth of the dog. Yes, it really does look THAT real!

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Until next month, keep looking up! Truly, the heavens declare the Glory of God!

-David Rives

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YOUR AMAZING BRAIN

Did you know that your brain works a little bit like a computer? Only, it's like a computer that is way more amazing and complex than we can ever understand.

Your brain is the best technology you will ever have. It's better than a tablet, phone, or even the best super-computer in the whole world! But, how does your brain work? What makes it so special?

Did you know that your brain generates enough electricity to power a lightbulb? There are about 86 billion tiny cells in your brain called neurons. These neurons send and receive information from all over your body through electrical and chemical signals.

In fact, they send so many messages that just the neurons in your body can send and receive more messages than all the phones in the entire world! Your neurons send information and instructions all over your body super fast. It's a good thing God made your brain to work quickly because this helps protect us and others from danger.

For example, if you feel a mosquito on your skin, the nerves in your skin report to your brain, then your brain remembers that mosquito bites are bad, so it tells your hand to react by smacking the mosquito.

Did you know that your brain changes when you learn new things? For example, when you first learn how to play a musical instrument or how to read, it's difficult. But, it gets easier with more practice until you can do it without thinking about it.

This is because your brain is creating new paths between neurons when you start learning something new. With enough practice, a new pathway between neurons is made and it's easy to do what you learned.

What makes my brain different from an animal's? Have you ever taken a minute

to think about thinking? How is it that you can think about thinking?

Animals are really cool, and they have amazing brains, but their brains are not quite like yours and mine. For example, as far as we know, animals don't think about thinking. They are usually just interested in food and other basic needs of their bodies. They don't think about things like learning how to read or what stories they might find in a book. Animals aren't very creative - they don't try to draw beautiful pictures or write music like people do. They tend to be extra self-centered and don't usually do much to help each other unless they can get something out of it.

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Sometimes in a litter of kittens, one will be sick or just weak and small. When this happens, the mother cat will not feed the sad little kitten or take care of it like the rest of the kittens. Although a mother cat can do a very good job of caring for her kittens, she doesn't have the same kind of compassion for her weak, small, or sick kittens that humans have. Why is that? Why do humans care so much about people and animals that are small, weak, or sick?

People have a special mind that is different from the mind of an animal because we were made in the "image of God". God made all the animals, but He made people to be different – extra special. God made people because He wanted someone to love and someone who could love Him back. He wanted someone who would enjoy being with Him.

Since God loves all of His creation and since we are made in God's image, we tend to have a special heart of compassion for His creation. That's one of the reasons why our brain is so special - our brains are extra special because we are made in God's image.

Fun Facts About Your Brain:

- If you were to look at your brain right next to the brain of a mammal about your size, your brain would be at least three times bigger!

- An adult human brain weighs about 3 pounds

- The right side of your brain controls the left side of your body. And the left side of your brain controls the right side of your body

- While you sleep, your brain sorts through information, makes decisions, creates memories, organizes memories, cleans out toxins, and does other things too

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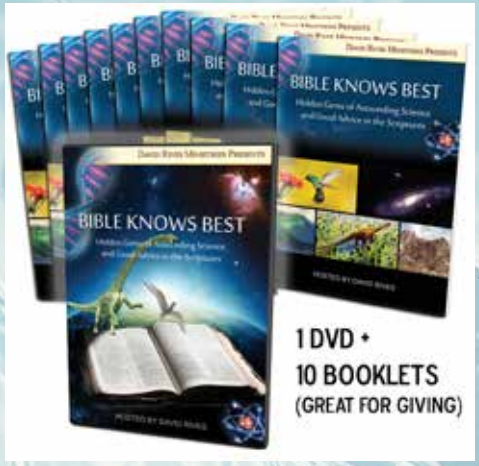

Did you know that the very origin of time, space, and matter can be found in the very first verse of the Bible?

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CAN YOU FIND IT?

We have hidden somewhere in this magazine the icon of a "nautilus shell" like the one pictured here.

It could be larger or smaller than this.

Enjoy exploring the pages of this magazine!

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SKYWATCH

August 12, 13 - The Perseids are famous for producing a large number of bright meteors. The shower runs annually from July 17 to August 24. It peaks this year on the night of August 12 and the morning of August 13. The thin crescent moon will set early in the evening leaving dark skies for what should be an excellent show.

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"We love this show! VERY educational! Been very impressed with the Creation series! Has answered many of my questions I have had for many years . . ."
- Renata W.

"I was catching up on my episodes of Creation in the 21st Century..., upon watching them I was once again struck by how nice, impressive and appropriate the new intro to C21C is. I like the questions running with the graphics – very nice. Gets people thinking right off the bat. I also like the question and answer section. All in all, good job! Keep up the good work." - D. Caldwell

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" Wow!!! Thank you for this wonderfully encouraging presentation! My heart is lifted...."
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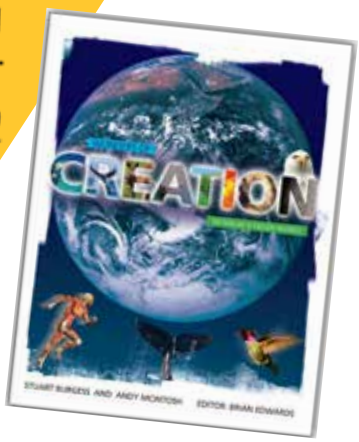

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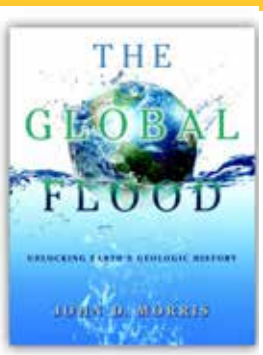

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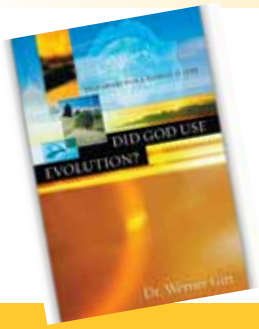

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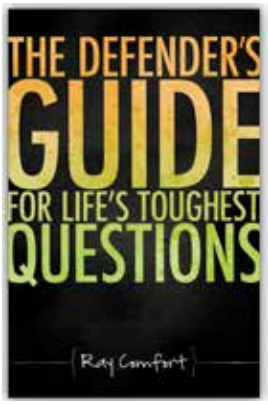

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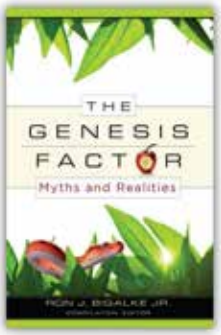

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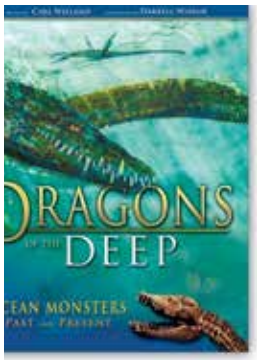

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SCIENCE IN THE NEWS

TRAPPED BY A SPIDER, THEN BY AMBER!

Have you ever seen amber? Think Jurassic Park and finding dinosaur DNA in the mosquito. It's usually a golden color, and many times insects or larger creatures can be found trapped inside. One of the current hot spots for finding good specimens in amber is in northern Myanmar (Burma). Many amazing finds have come out of these amber mines in the last few years, however getting access is hard as many of the mines are controlled by rebel militias who are in conflict with Myanmar's military. This prompts scientists to keep an eye on the private fossil trade for scientifically valuable specimens.

One such specimen has recently been discovered. A tick, wrapped in a spiderweb, and preserved in amber. This is the first time something like this has been found. Amber is formed when resin, a substance found inside trees (not sap) is exposed and then traps an insect or smaller creature. The chance that a tick would happen to fall into a spider web, get wrapped up, and then get covered in amber is very low. This points to everything happening in a very short amount of time. A catastrophe such as Noah's Flood helps us explain this, and many other fossils all over the world. -David Mikkelson – National Geographic, May, 2018

BLUE TONGUE DEFENSE!

The Bluetongue skink uses a special strategy for scaring off predators – it sticks out it's blue tongue! Their tongues aren't just any ordinary blue color, though. Their unique, blue tongues reflect ultraviolet light. Researchers have found that their tongues reflect ultraviolet more intensely towards the back of the tongue than at the tip of their tongue. This is useful to the Bluetongue skink because many of it's predators can see ultraviolet light. For these lizards, timing of their blue-tongue-show is key. If they show it too early, they catch the attention of predators that they would otherwise be camouflaged from.

Also, the Bluetongue skink shows different amounts of their ultraviolet tongue depending on the predator and how intense the attack is. God's creativity in this animal is astounding! Even though defense mechanisms weren't needed in the original creation because there were no predators, God created animals with genetic ability to diversify and adapt. This is one of those amazing variations that has a very practical post-fall use!

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THE COMPLEXITY OF HAIR

We brush it, cut it, curl it, straighten it, shave it, gel it, spike it, and dye it, but have we ever really stopped and thought about it? The hair found on our heads, and pretty much everywhere else on our bodies except our palms and soles, is incredibly complex. Not that this should surprise us—the more we look the more we realize everything about us is complex!

Our heads hold about 100,000 hairs, but that DOES vary according to the individual! If you count all the hairs found on our bodies, the number reaches about 5 million. There are as many hairs per square inch on your forehead as on the top of your head! These tiny hairs are called vellus hairs while the ones on the top of your head are called terminal hairs. So, next time you visit your doctor, tell him it's serious! You've got terminal hair!

You're born with every hair follicle you'll ever have and, in most cases, that follicle will continue growing hairs your whole life. Even if you're balding, you're still producing hairs—you've just switched from growing terminal hairs to growing vellus hairs.

Hair follicles are tube-like depressions in your skin. Fragile living cells deep in the follicle will die to produce a tough fiber called hair. Hair grows about 3 tenths the thickness of a dime each day. This is a complicated process involving tens of thousands of little "buttons" that must unbutton and re-button to allow the hair to emerge in a controlled fashion. After a period of growth, the hair will stop growing for a specified period of time. A new hair starts growing under that hair and the old hair is shed. This process is especially important for animals. If their hair didn't fall out, it would get filthy and tangled in trees, grass, or underbrush.

Hair isn't very pretty when you look at it under a microscope. It appears to be covered with overlapping roof tiles. These "tiles," called cuticle, are flattened dead cells. They keep the hair from knotting up every time it comes in contact with another hair. The cuticle also keeps the hair securely locked into the follicle until it's time for that hair to be shed. Without this lock animals would lose their hair far too easily and would likely freeze to death. When it comes time to shed the hair, special enzymes start breaking down the cuticle allowing the hair to fall out.

How amazing it is to know that, according to the Bible, the same God who created the hairs on our head knows their ever-changing number. That's how much He cares for each of us! As the Psalmist says, we're Wonderfully Made!

I'm David Rives...Truly the heavens declare the glory of God.

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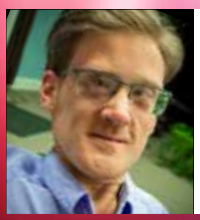

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CONSIDER THE ANT

Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. - Proverbs 6:6-8

I'm sure you've seen many ants. But have you ever knelt down and observed one, scurrying here and there, carrying a leaf or a piece from the forest? The little creature marches back and forth very industriously with leaves that out-weigh and dwarf its tiny body. At this point you wonder: why, how, and where the ant was going.

Did you know that ants illustrate many lessons for us that can benefit us in our day-to-day lives?

King Solomon, the wise king of Israel, certainly knew that the ways of ants were to be considered. He also knew that if we took time to observe the habits of ants we would be wiser because of it.

There are 12,000 different species of ants worldwide. You will find ants everywhere but Antarctica!

Ants are very strong, having the ability to carry 50 times their body weight! Even the world's greatest body-builder couldn't compete with that strength!

Each colony lives in their home, called a formicary. Team work is crucial to the ants. The forager ants have an interactive teaching behavior which has been observed. Designated "teachers" show the rookie ant where to go to a new food-source, and when the rookie falls behind the teacher-ant slows down to assist it. This makes for efficient collaboration between the ants in finding and gathering food.

The parasol ants sow, fertilize, and prune their crops of fungi. When their crops are ready they weed, harvest, and eat their produce. Their farming skills are so very complex that it took scientists nearly a century to piece together their amazing "farming system". Who taught these ants to produce their food, gather it, and then store it?

How do ants even find their food? Ants have no guide, leader, or boss to rule over them or direct them. Yet, they recognize landmarks by memory and can travel long distances. It is believed that ants use their compound eyes to position themselves in relation to the Sun and Moon as navigation tools.

What you once saw as "only an ant" seems to be much more complicated and extraordinary, doesn't it?

Just as the ant is dependent on the Sun and Moon to direct its path with its compound eyes which detect polarized light, so we are to be dependent on the Word of God to be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path (Psalm 119:105).

Just as the ants are considerate of each other and work as a team, pulling the load together, and helping the weaker ones, so we are to be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven us! (Ephesians 4:32)

Just as ants are industrious and hardworking and have a "stick to it" work-ethic, so we are to do everything with all our might (Ecclesiastes 9:10)

Isn't it amazing that one of the tiniest insects in our world can teach us so much in the areas of diligence in work, reliance on God, and team-work?

Next time you see a tiny ant crawling up your foot, REMEMBER - be industrious like an ant, be unchanged in following God's Word, and learn to be peaceable with all men! (Romans 12:18)

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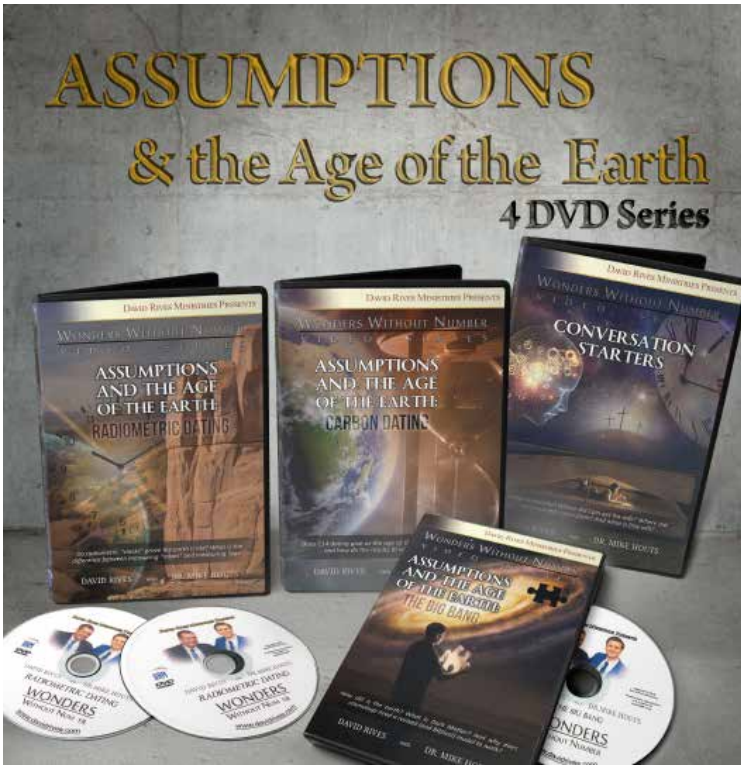

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THE NAUTILUS: FLOOD SURVIVOR

Years ago my family went to visit the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago (one of my favorite places to see God's creation). We'd been before, but this time it was quiet and we weren't in a hurry. Back in a dark corner were some creatures I'd never expected to see, Nautiluses.

I knew what they were right away. I'd seen them in books before, but only in the "prehistoric" section. Now, I've never believed in evolution, but it's clear many creatures hadn't made it through the Flood of Noah's Day alive. Here was one I'd thought was a goner swimming happily right in front of me -another Living Fossil.

From the fossil record we know the Nautilus sometimes got buried deep down, Uniformitarians say back to 500 million years ago. That's pretty deep for a fossil of something bigger than a microbe. We also know they came in more varieties than are still alive today. Some say there were as many as 10,000 species once. Today there are 6.

When we have fossils to compare to, it's fun to check how big a living creature used to get. It wasn't easy to find info on the nautilus, but a similar looking creature, the Ammonite, has been found as large as 5′ 11″ across.

I did find one page from a collector saying he's seen a fossil Nautilus "a little over three feet in diameter" or right at a meter across. Unfortunately, he didn't get a picture at the school it was donated to and now they've lost it. He has personally found a fossil Nautilus 27 inches [68 cm] across, but the largest picture his page shows is only 14 inches [35.6 cm] across. Still cool stuff.

What we know about the living ones:

Every day, a Nautilus travels over 1,000 ft straight up and down. During the day, they hide down deep (up to 1,800 ft [550 m]) where there aren't as many hungry mouths wanting to eat them for lunch. Then they rise up after dark to look for leftovers and small animals to eat in the reefs at about 300 ft [90 m] depth.

An adult Nautilus today can still grow a shell up to 10 inches [30 cm] across. Their shell isn't made of the lightest stuff, so how do they manage such a climb every day? Air chambers. See how the half shell in the picture has all those walls across the smaller sections? A Nautilus can pump each one full of a special gas mixture to go up and switch it out for a heavy liquid when it's time to head back down.

Then the Nautilus squirts water out its front sending it shooting backwards at speeds over 2 knots [2.3 mph, 3.7 kph]. What's more, the whole system is so efficient, a Nautilus only has to be sure to eat once a month to keep its energy levels up!

Sounds like Someone smart planned things out pretty well.

A Nautilus doesn't have a typical eye to watch for prey and predators. They don't have lenses like our eyes do, so some people say they are "primitive" and we're pretty sure they only have limited vision. At the same time, here's what Marine Science Today says about them, "Researchers are very interested in… the highly developed pinhole eye" they have. Those eyes may help us design better cameras if we learn how they really are designed.

Oh, yes, a Nautilus egg is bigger than any laid by other cephalopods (octopus, squid, cuttlefish family). They take about a year to hatch, are 3 cm (1.2 in) long, and already have 4 chambers finished when they first come out.

The fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this? Job 12:8,9

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Consider the fact that Earth is the only planet in our solar system where a total solar eclipse can be seen. If we were on Jupiter or Saturn, one of their moons could eclipse the sun, but we wouldn't be able to see it because we'd be looking through a thick, poisonous gas on both of those planets!

Scripture reveals that God designed earth to be inhabited. What better way to declare His glory than to position us in such a unique location so that we could witness a beautiful total solar eclipse. -DAVID RIVES

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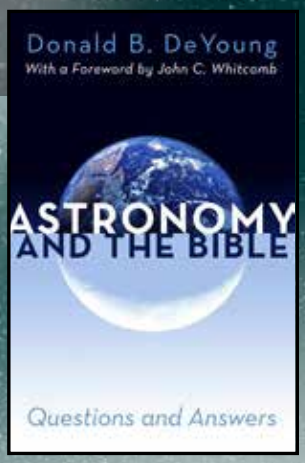

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